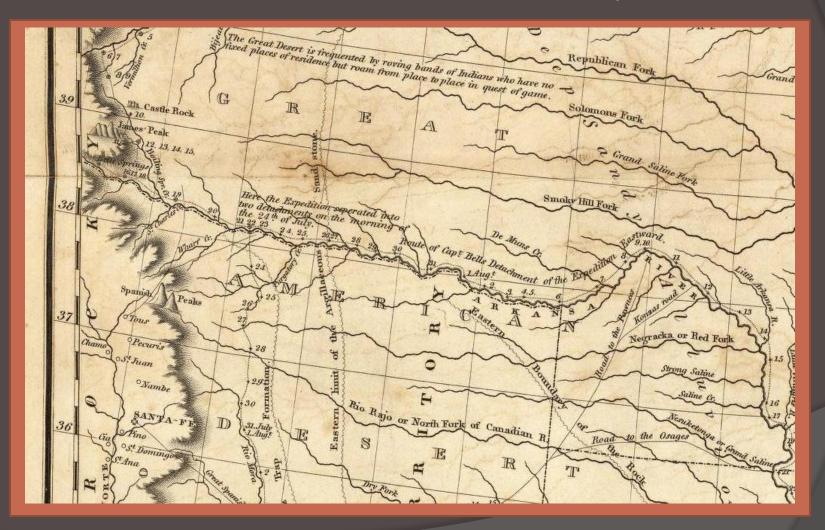
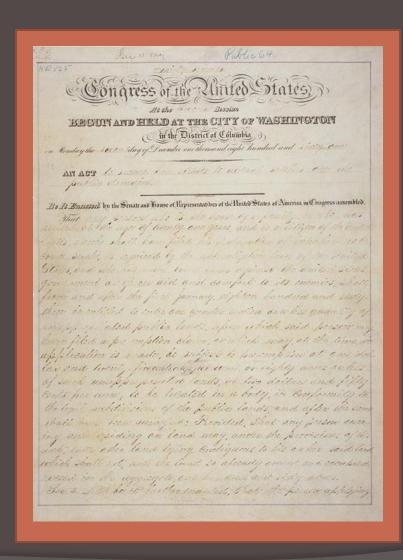
Advertising The Dream

The "Great American Desert" In The Late 19th Century



Homestead Act Of 1862



> 160 Acres Of Free Land
If...

And

- You Were A U.S. Citizens
- Or Had Declared Your Intention To Become A Citizen

And

 Built A Home And Lived On The Land For 5 Years

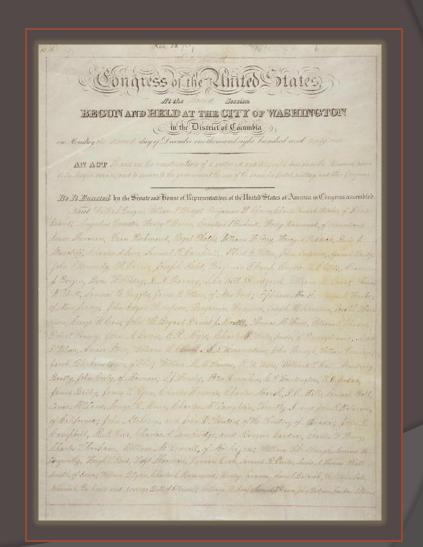
Then

• Improved The Land

➤ The Land Was Given To The Homesteader!!

Pacific Railway Act 1862

- Created The Union Pacific Railroad Company
- Authorized The Construction Of A Transcontinental Railroad
- Provided Millions Of Acres In Land Grants To Railroads



How To Populate The West

Many Feared The Population Of The U.S. Was Not Sufficient To Sustain The Agricultural And Industrial Designs Of The West

So...

Railroad Men Lobbied To Create A Strategy To Pursue Immigrants And Wanted Government Support

Act To Encourage Immigration 1864

38th CONGRESS, 1st Session.

S. 125.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 18, 1864.

Mr. Sherias, from the Committee on Agriculture, submitted a report, (No. 15,) accompanied by the following bill; which was read and passed to a second reading.

A BILL

To encourage immigration.

- Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 That there shall be appointed, by and with the advice and
- 4 consent of the Senate, an officer to be styled the Commis-
- 5 sioner of Immigration, who shall have an office in the De-
- 6 partment of State, and shall be under the direction of the
- 7 Secretary of State, and shall hold his office during four years,
- 8 unless sooner removed, and shall receive as an annual com-
- 9 pensation the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars; that to
- 10 assist the said Commissioner in the discharge of the duties
- 11 imposed by this act, the Secretary of State may, as they be-
- 12 come necessary, assign to such officer one clerk of the first
- 13 class and one clerk of the third class.
- 1 Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That to encourage,
- 2 facilitate, and protect foreign immigration to and within the

Established: The Federal Commissioner Of Immigration

Created: The Superintendent Of Immigration For New York City

Provided: Information To Immigrants About Opportunities

- The Homestead Act
- Work With Railroads And Shipping Companies To Provide Transportation

Destination Great American Desert



First Objective Of Promoters

Overcome The Stigma Attached To The Geography

Stephen Long



- Coined the term
 "Great American
 Desert" in 1820 while
 on a Government
 funded expedition
- Claimed the area was: "almost wholly unfit for cultivation, and of course uninhabitable by people depending upon agriculture for subsistence"

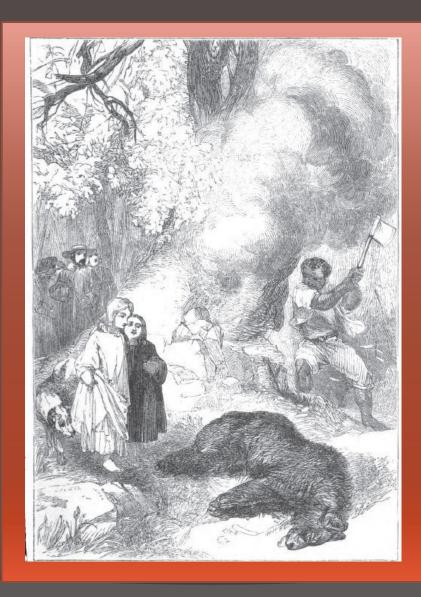
Years Of Literature, Guidebooks, And Reports Continued To Label The Region As A "Wasteland"

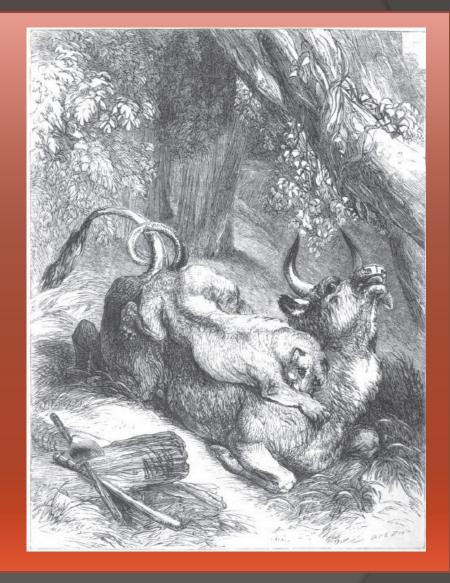
Such, then, my young friend, is a rough sketch of some of the more prominent features of the Great American Desert.

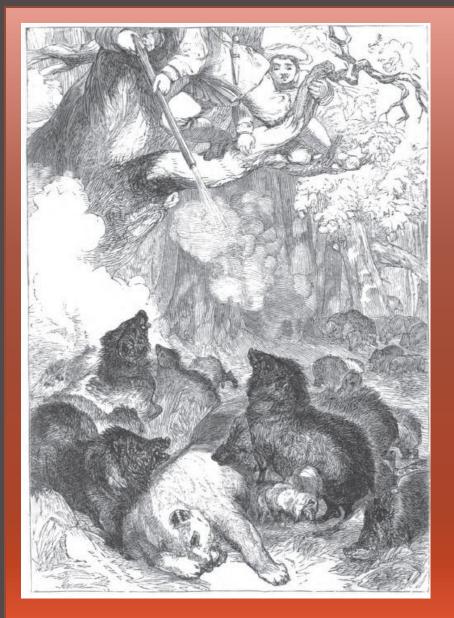
Let me conduct you into it, and show you—from a nearer view—some of its wild but interesting aspects. I shall not show you the wildest of them, lest they might terrify you. Fear not—I shall not lead you into danger. Follow me.

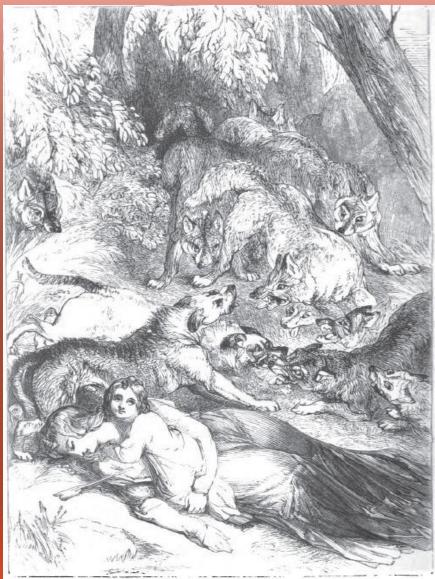
Introduction To A Popular Book Titled *The English Family Robinson* By Captain Mayne Reid,1852

"Images" Of The Great American Desert Show The Dangers "Sure" To Be Encountered









Outlines of Modern Geography: On A New Plan Carefully Adapted For Youth, 1826

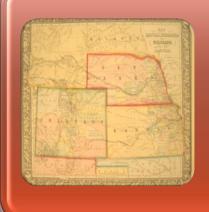
- Listed the "Great American Desert" as the 5th largest desert in the world!!
 - 5. In North America, between the Platte river, a branch of the Missouri, and the head waters of the Colorado and Sabine river, there is an extensive desert, called the Great American Desert. The length of the desert is unknown; but its average width is supposed to be 500 or 600 miles. The eastern portion of this desert is covered with a fine sand, with scarcely a rock or stone.

Image Makeover

After The Civil War, The Term "Great American Desert" Was Replaced By A More Benign Term... "The Great Plains"



The Upper Great Plains



The Central Great Plains

More Inviting Images Appear



As Well As Softer Language

CLIMATE.

The climate of Kansas is, without exception, the most desirable in the United States—it is better than that, even of the same latitude east of the Mississippi river.

The winters are short, dry and pleasant, with but little rain or snow.

The grass is green in the forests and on the prairies until midwinter. And very often, herds of horses, mules and cattle, roam at large during the entire winter, without any additional feed or care.

At the close of February we are reminded by a soft gentle breeze from the South, that winter is gone; and the grand prairies, interspersed with every varieth of flowers, and dotted by numerous herds of fine stock, or perhaps a train of emigrants wending their way in search of new homes,—assume their usual green robes of carpet, and present a seene of superb grandeur.

During the summer there is always a cool, refreshing breeze, which makes even the hottest days and nights pleasant and delightful

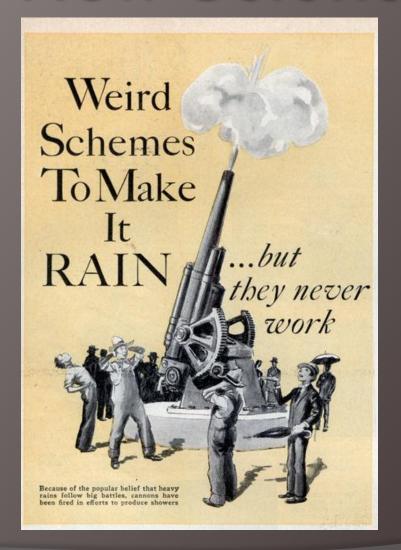
DROUTH

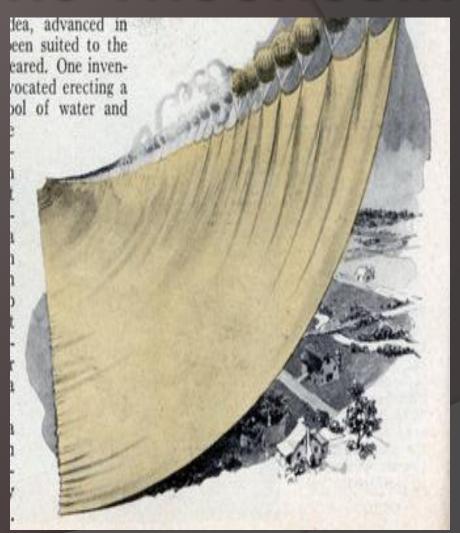
An erroneous impression has gone forth, that Kansas is subject to drouth—will not produce vegetation—has no timber, and many other equally absurd and unjust disparagements. This was caused by the extraordinary drouth which prevailed in many of the western States during the year 1860.

Kansas being a new Territory, having received a large immigration the previous year, was not prepared for such a drouth; notwithstanding, in many localities, fine crops of all kinds of produce were raised, and a supersbundance of beef cattle found in every part of the State, yet the whole was not sufficient to supply the unusual demands of that year, whereupon parties were employed to solicit aid

- •"The Winters Are Short, Dry, And Pleasant"
- "At The Close Of February We Are Reminded By A Soft Gentle Breeze From The South, That Winter Is Gone"
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New Scientific Theories!!!

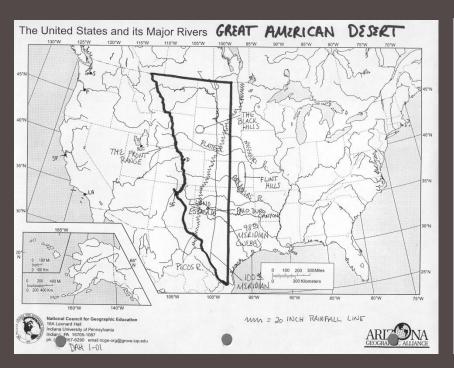


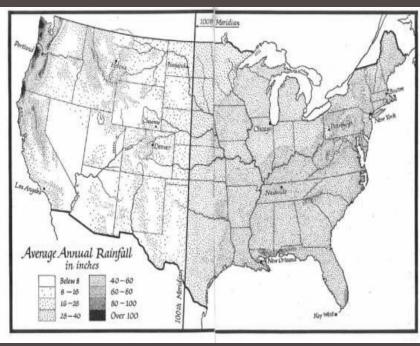


Rain Follows The Plow

 Theory: Plowing The Soil Released Moisture Into The Air That Would Then Fall Back To Earth As Rain

Does It?





Railroads Create Rain

Theory: The Speed Of The Railroad Cars
 Created Air Currents, Resulting In Electrical
 Atmospheric Conditions That Produced Rain

Markets to Advertise In



- "Immigration has almost ceased, and the present unsettled condition of Europe, tending to a general war on that continent, should invite, on our part, the adoption of the most liberal policy, which will induce the immigrant to seek a home here."
 - Congressman John Potter, Head of the Committee for Public Lands, 1862.

Target Communities

Economically And Socially Oppressed

- "'Serfs' were beaten both at work and at home for the merest trifle. It is unbelievable how men could thus torture their fellows! Every farmer had first to do his dues at the manor house, whether with his team or on foot. Only then could he work his own land, sowing and reaping at night. No excuse as to pressing needs at home was of any use. If one did not appear as ordered, at once the overseer would come. If he found the wife busy cooking he would throw a pail of water on the fire, or in winter would carry off the windows or the doors."
 - Excerpt: Jan Slomka, From Serfdom to Self-Government: Memoirs of a Polish Village Mayor, 1842-1927 trans. William John Rose, (London: Minerva Publishing Co.), 1941.

Target Communities

Groups Oppressed By War



Alsace-Lorraine after annexation in Franco-Prussian War

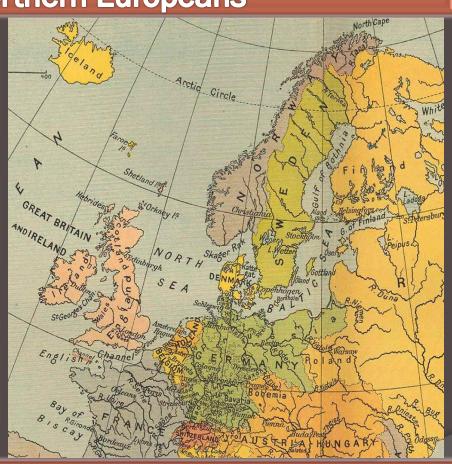
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Northern Europeans

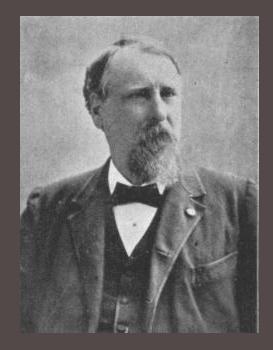
English

Germans

Scandinavians



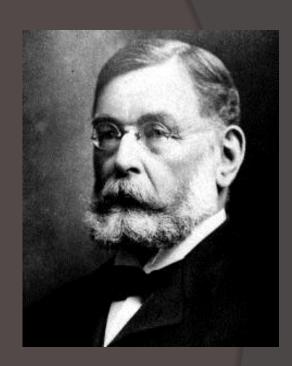
Land Agents



Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railroad (English and Scottish)



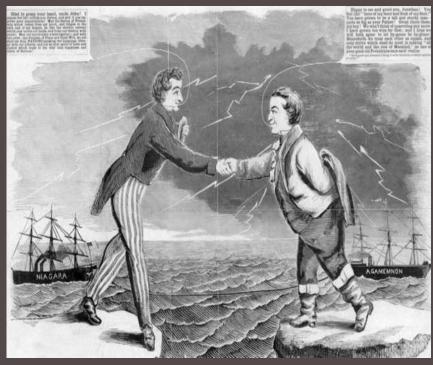
Great Northern Railroad (Scandinavians)



Santa Fe Railroad (Germans)

How To Relay Important Information

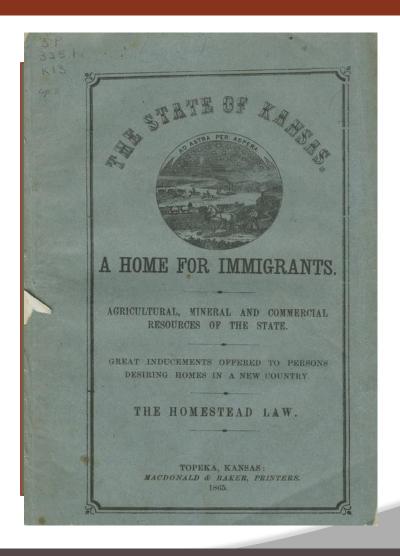




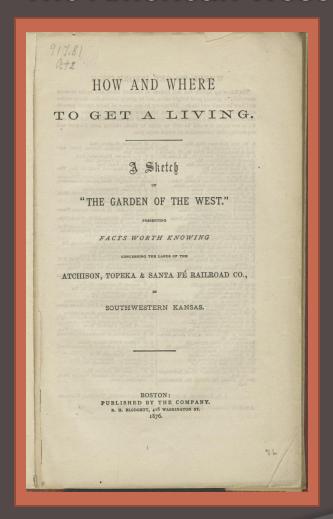
The 8th Wonder Of The World

Transatlantic Telegraph Completed In 1866

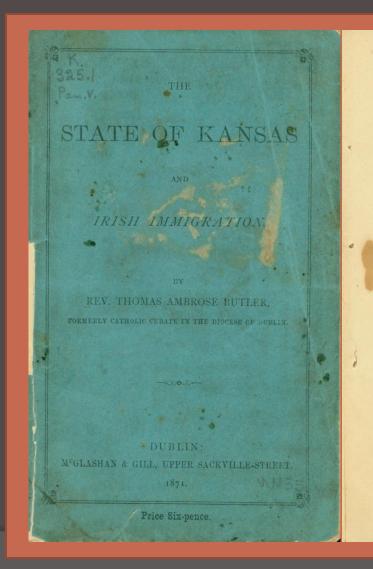
For Many Europeans Land Ownership Was Improbable If Not Impossible



Information Was Provided To Ensure Success In The American West



Use Of "Trusted" Sources



The State of Kansas and Irish Immigration. 37

fills them with enthusiasm for the welfare of Ireland.

I feel now that I am drawing to an end in the treatment of my subject. I have endeavoured to fulfil a promise made to many friends, and a duty I owed to my fellow-countrymen at home. I have described things as they really are in Kansas, having no object in life to gain by doing so. I do not seek notoriety through the Press, but I struggle for that which urged me out here from my quiet "curacy" in Dunlavin—the good of the Irish people. My patriotism is the broad national Irish one—"for Faith and Country.'

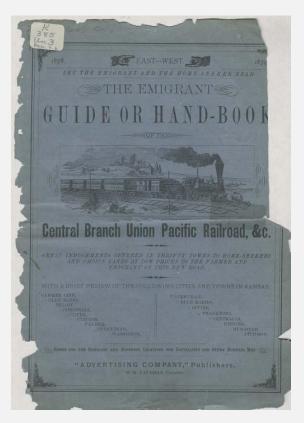
In conclusion, and as a last advice, I say to all the Irish people—Do not come out to America if you can live at home. If you cannot live in Ireland, come out and till the fertile prairies, and you will be happy.

"Uncle Sam has lands enough To give us all a farm."

THE END.

Railroads Often
Employed "Trusted"
Individuals Such As
Clergy, Doctors, Or
Professionals From
The Country They
Were Targeting To
Write About The
Opportunities
Available In America

Advertisements Begin To Replace Traditional Guidebooks





OT! CARTITE "Go West Young Man"

THE STATE OF THE S MISSOURI, KANSAS & TEXAS CRAHLWAY?

Has the Best and Cheapest Land for Sale on the Continent in the GREAT NEOSHO YALLEY, KANSAS



Settlers arriving in the Great Neosho Valley, by

The Missouri, Kansas & Texas R. W. Where 1,000,000 ACRES OF CHOICE LAND ARE FOR SALE!

Healthy Climate! Plenty of Wood, Coal, Stone, and Running Streams! Ten Years' Time! Seven per cent. Interest!
No Payment the Second Year! 20 per cent. off for Cash.



THE PATHER TALKS TO HIS SONS.

Finker—Fifty years ago I caine into these paris, and commenced this clearing, and it shall much of a altering yet. It is not enough to support us all. My cone, you are now both of age, and must start in life tor purselyer. Set face ryes paying to the order root may be in the control of the

John,-Me! I am going West to get a home of my own. I am not going to pull stroops, pile stones, nor



THE FARM THAT JOHN MADE IN KANSAS.

John

Passengers leaving Hannibal, Mo., by Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway, for

NEOSHO FALLS, KANSAS,

Where the Choicest Lands of the West can be bought at O Lower Rates and on Better Terms than can be had of any other Company



Simpkins' 20 Acre Clearing that William Rents. He wishes he was out West, where John is.

Lands usually from \$2 to \$7 per Acre.

TERMS OF SALE.

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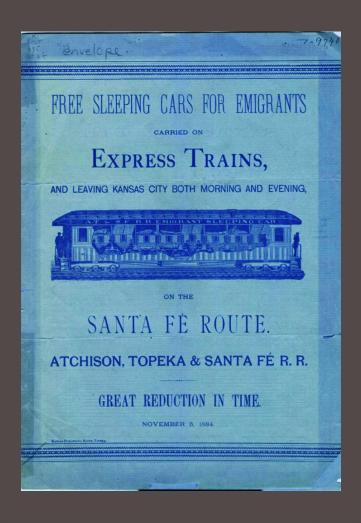
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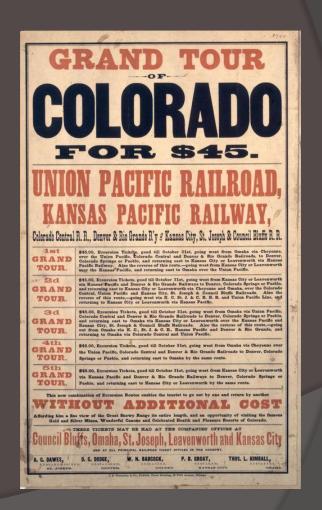
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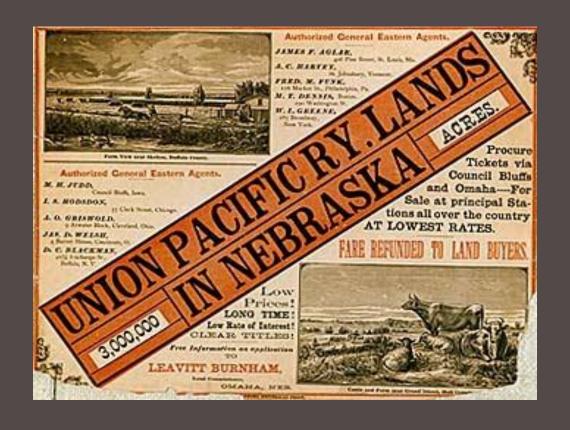
ISAAC T. GOODNOW, Land Commissioner NEOSHO FALLS, KANSAS

Free Or Cheap Transportation Offers

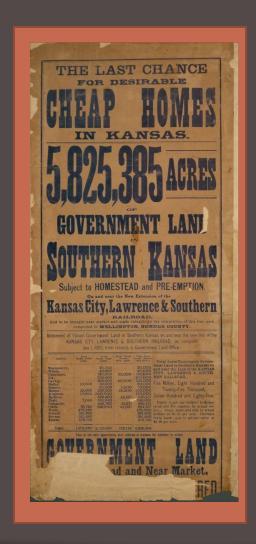




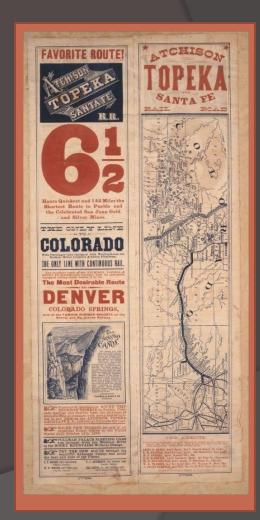
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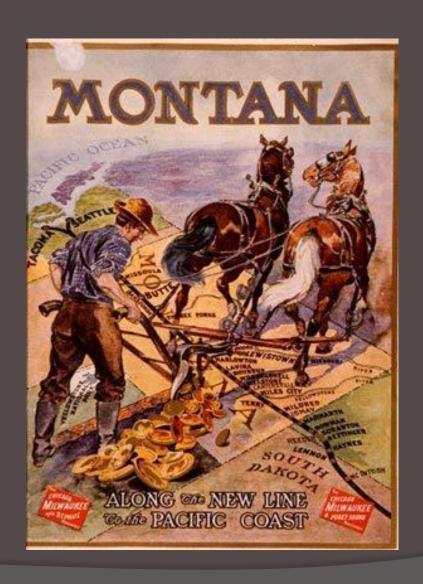


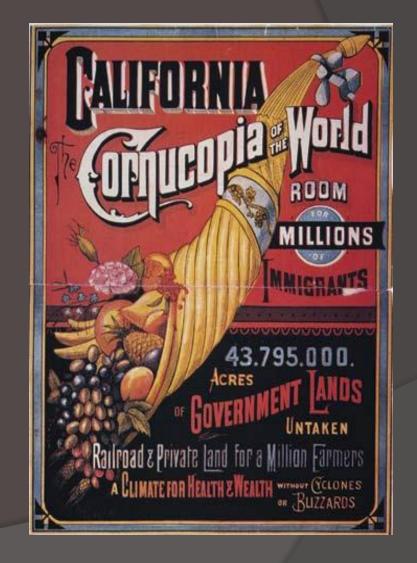
Bold Colorful Advertisements



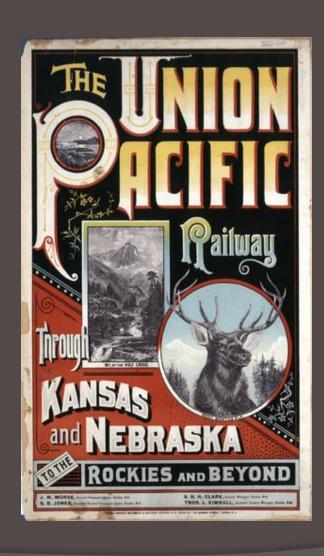


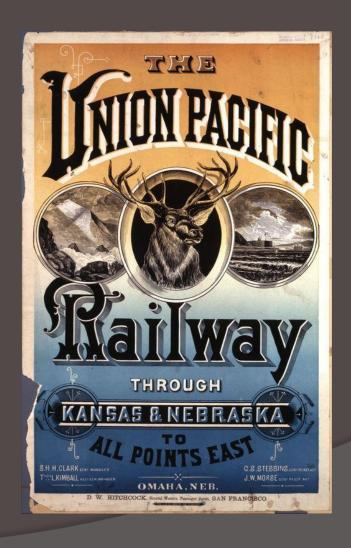




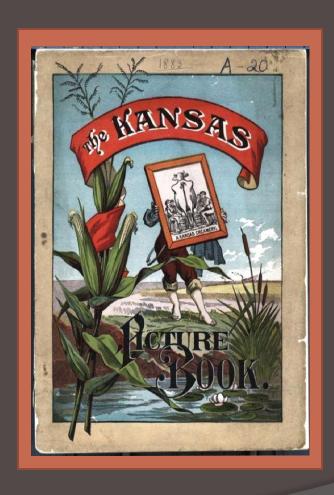


Branding





Used Picture Books

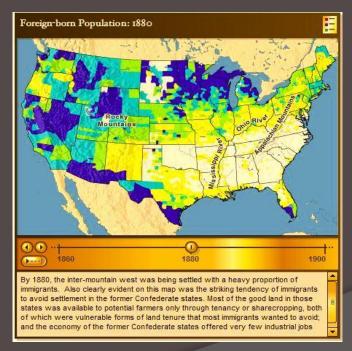


Conclusion

 Population Data Suggests A Large Influx Of Immigrants To The Great Plains

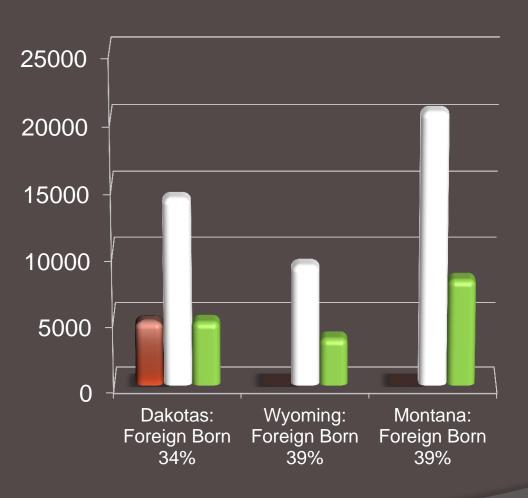


Foreign Born Population 1860



Foreign Born Population 1880

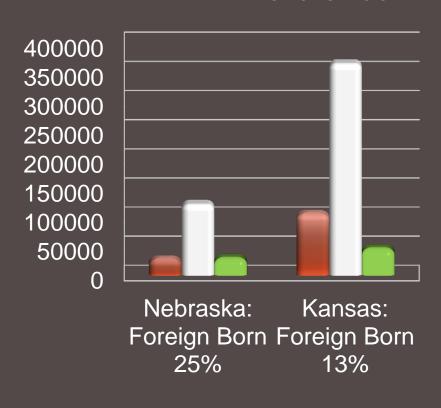
Census Data of Upper Great Plains



- 1860 Total Poulation
- 1870 Total Population
- Foreign Born Population In 1870

Census Data for Nebraska and Kansas

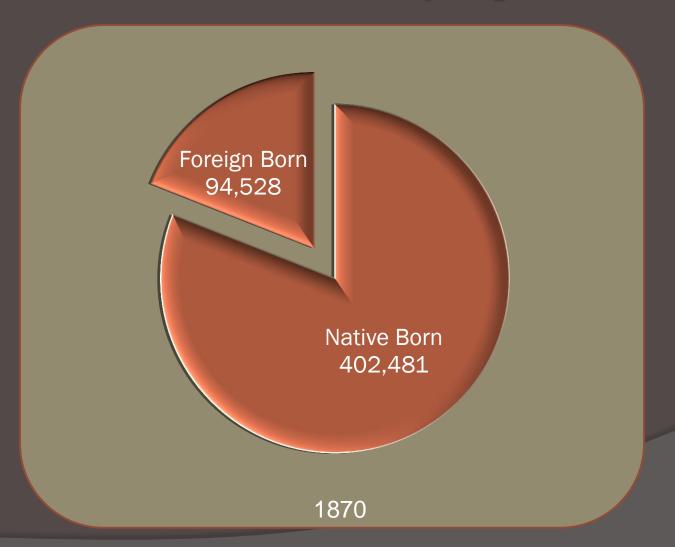




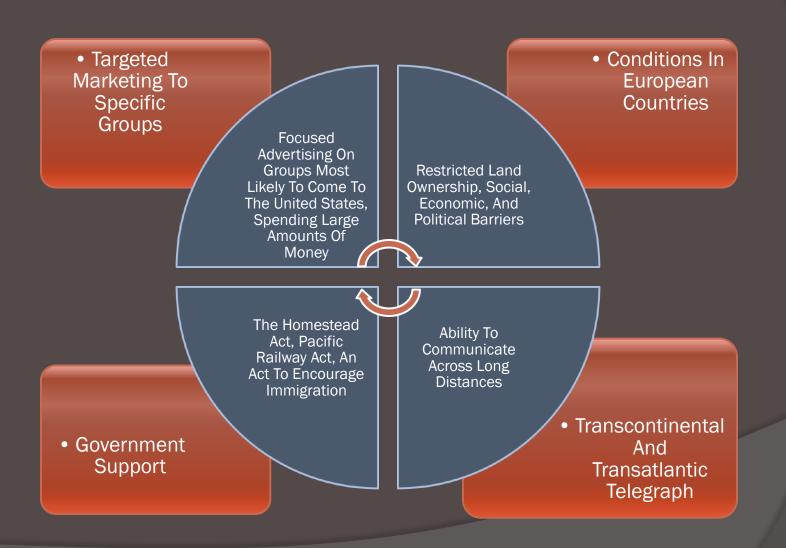
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Native Born Versus Foreign Born Population

Totals In Nebraska, Kansas, Dakotas, Wyoming, And Montana



Railroads Professionalized Advertising In The U.S. Increased Sophistication In A Short Amount Of Time



Annual Budgets Dedicated To Marketing In Foreign Countries

Union Pacific (1871)

\$300,000

(equivalent to over \$5.4 million today)

The Burlington Railroad (1872)

\$500,000

(equivalent to over \$9 million today)

On Behalf of Homestead National Monument of America



Thank You!